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a trigger to control operation of a welding system, the first and second handle pieces being adapted to receive the trigger; and

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a neck operable to direct a flow of gas therethrough, the first and second handle pieces being positionable relative to the neck to enable the position of the trigger on the welding handle, relative to the neck, to be varied from a first position to a second position, the second position being directly opposite the first position.

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wherein the first and second handlepieces are adapted to be gripped by a hand oriented in a constant orientation relative to the neck with the trigger in both the first and second positions.

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The welding gun as recited in claim 33, wherein the second position is vertical relative to the first position.

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(New) A welding handle for an arc welding system,

a handle portion securable to a welding cable; and

a trigger secured to the handle portion,

wherein the handle portion is adapted to be gripped by a user in a first orientation to enable the user to operate the trigger with a finger and to be gripped by a user in a second orientation to enable the user to operate the trigger with one of a thumb and the palm of a hand.

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36. (New) A welding gun, comprising:

a handle portion securable to a welding cable, the handle portion being adapted to direct the welding cable linearly along an axis through the handle portion; and

a trigger switch secured to the handle portion,

wherein the handle portion is adapted to be gripped by a hand in a first orientation and a second orientation relative to the hand, the handle portion being rotated 180 degrees about the axis from the first to the second orientation.

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37. (New) The welding handle as recited in claim 35, wherein the handle

portion is adapted to be gripped with the trigger oriented both toward a palm of the hand and away from the palm of the hand.

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